



PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 9, 2023

Five members of the Pioneer Lutheran Church Council and Pastor Teri met at 6:00 PM on August 9, 2023. Absent was Laura Quail. President Val Hicks opened the meeting.

Devotions led by Charlotte Mickelson
Both the Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved with motions by Kevin Quail and Bill Powers. Members pleased to note decrease in electric bill!

OLD BUSINESS

No action or update on meeting records digitized, kitchen counter, sound panels, church siding painting.

Outreach Committee: Laura shared a written summary of the Harvest Table event on July 24, 2023, conducted by Pioneer Lutheran volunteers.

No action on 2024 May Fellowship event and Fall Bible study.

September 24, 2023 is date for annual Fall Festival, plus Thallis Jensen's 100th birthday celebration will take place after service on that Sunday. Kevin volunteered to be auctioneer for the festival. Val will offer

buggy rides again. Music by Carter Thompson and Friends.

NEW BUSINESS

The CCLI license request from MJ Powers was approved with a motion by Julie Petersen, second by Kevin. It's a yearly license of \$158.00 to allow more music legally made available for church service. Bill announced he would virtually attend the annual upcoming LCMC meeting.

Pastor Teri reported making 3 calls plus an upcoming call to family of Janice Longhenry, conducting 1 baptism, requesting a memento for a Hansen family member, Confirmation probably occurring on October 29, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM by a motion from Kevin, second by Bill.

Next meeting is Sunday after service on September 3, 2023.

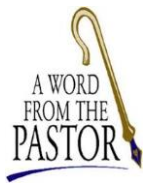
Members prayed the Lord's Prayer together in closing.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Charlotte Mickelson

Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report	
July 31, 2023	
General Fund	\$ 14,763.24
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,489.88
Fund In Checking	\$ 16,253.12
EXPENSES	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 141.05
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 95.26
BDRW water	\$ 41.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,225.00
Matt Petersen 4x mowing May	\$ 720.00
	\$ 3,222.31
SUNDAY OFFERINGS	
2-Jul	\$ 1,022.00
9-Jul	\$ 960.00
16-Jul	\$ 805.00
23-Jul	\$ 961.00
30-Jul	\$ 1,177.00
	\$ 4,925.00

Pastor Teri's sermons are now on the website.

<https://www.pioneerlutheran.org/sermons/>



Dear Friends In Christ,

Last month our Sunday readings included Paul's words from the book of Romans. The readings were rich in Paul's convictions that we are loved by Christ and that nothing can separate us from that love.

In Romans 8, Paul asks, "What then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us,

who can be against us?" The "things" Paul is referring to are the teachings about salvation that he wrote about earlier, such as freedom from sin and death, the life-giving Spirit who lives in us, the new life we have as God's children, the promise of renewal despite suffering we may face today, and strength and hope for the future.

Faith in Christ does not remove all the struggles we encounter in life. Still, we know that "in all things God works for good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Somehow, even despite the bad things that happen in our lives, God works to conform us "to the image of His Son." This does not mean that we celebrate bad things in life, but it does mean that as we reflect and pray over our troubling times, we can see God's work in the midst of it all.

Paul's question "Who can be against us?" answers itself: *If God is for us, of course no one can be against us!* And Paul goes on to say, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This means we can live a life of freedom! We don't have to be held back by feelings we don't measure up or that we're not enough. We don't have to wonder if our past decisions and actions have separated us from God's love. In Jesus, we are more than enough. Our worth comes from God rather than from others or from our experiences.

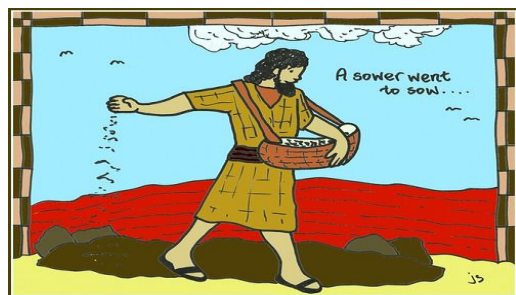
Let us be encouraged! Nothing can separate us from God's love. God never holds our sins against us. He has closed the case. May we choose to believe God over our feelings and fears. When we do, we'll experience freedom in Christ.

Pastor Teri

Let your light so shine
Matthew 5:16



Pioneer Lutheran served 104 guests at the Harvest Table Monday, July 24, 2023. The menu included hard- and soft-shell tacos with several toppings, fresh fruit and homemade bars. Many members donated ingredients for the tacos and toppings as well as pans of bars. We had 20 Pioneer volunteers help in three shifts from 3 pm to 7:30 pm. Several were there the entire time. Volunteers cooked the hamburger and prepared toppings to serve, set tables, served the meal and cleaned up which included putting all 18 tables and 144 chairs away. Volunteers came with giving hearts, hospitality, teamwork and compassion! Thank you to EVERYONE who helped in any way. Many guests came up to personally thank us for the meal. It was truly a blessing to serve in this way. Sincerely, Laura Quail



September 24, 2023

Music by Carter Reed and friends starts at 4pm Supper begins at 4:30pm Auction at 6 pm Every family is asked to bring a pie and auction item. Final details will be in next month's newsletter.

Save the Date

Worship at St. Dysmas, October 26, 2023

Members and friends of Pioneer will attend worship at St. Dysmas in the South Dakota State Penitentiary on Thursday, October 26, 2023. Signup sheets will be at the church starting the first of September or you can call Arlene Madsen (605-695-0559) with questions or to sign up to attend. Please consider joining this meaningful worship experience.





Glenn and Joanne Thompson and Grandkids represented Pioneer Lutheran in the 2023 Pioneer Day Parade.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**FAITH OVER FEAR
2023 WOW GATHERING
Saturday, September 16, 2023
8:30am to 3pm**

**Hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church
Springfield, MN**

Cost	In person	\$20.00
	Online via zoom	\$10.00
	Church	\$50.00

See information on bulletin board

- Sept 1 Newsletter articles to Julie jmpete@itctel.com
- Sept 3 Church Council following services
- Sept 10 Life in the Spirit following Services
- September 16 WOW gathering 8:30am-3pm Springfield, MN
- Sept 24 Birthday Lunch for Thallis Jensen's 100th birthday following services
- September 24 Fall Festival 4pm
- Thursday, October 26 St. Dymas
- We need Monthly Cleaners, Readers, and coffee servers
- We continue to collect Hy-Vee receipts, so remember to bring yours.
- Please remember to bring your donations for the Brookings Food Pantry. Your contributions are a blessing to others



Keep all the students and teachers in your prayers as they start the new school year.



AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION	7	8	9 6 PM CHURCH COUNCIL	10	11	12
13 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP LIFE IN THE SPIRIT	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	4 LABOR DAY			READER: AUG-CHARLOTTE SEPT-DEANNA	CLEANERS: AUG-CHARLOTTE SEPT-JULIE	

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